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ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

Selectmen, Treasurer,

— AND —

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

— OF THE TOWN OF —

MEREDITH,

— FOR THE —

Year Ending March 1, 1877.

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REPORT.

The Town of Meredith in account with the Selectmen
for the year ending March 1, 1877.

The Town of Meredith, Cr.

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| By balance reported, March 1, 1876, | \$7,916 31 |
| By assessment of State Tax, | 1,560 00 |
| “ of County Tax, | 2,249 00 |
| “ for Town Charges, | 2,000 00 |
| “ Town Debts, | 1,000 00 |
| “ School Money, required by law, | 1,365 00 |
| “ “ by vote of town, | 500 00 |
| “ Engine Company, | 175 00 |
| “ Pauper Roads, | 100 00 |
| “ New Road, | 500 00 |
| “ Rebuild Town House, | 1,000 00 |
| “ Dog Tax, | 129 00 |
| “ Overlay by percentage, | 449 41 |
| “ Non-resident Highway Tax, | 87 12 |
| “ On that portion of Meredith annexed to Centre Harbor, | 762 48 |
| “ School House Tax, District No. 4, | 527 45 |
| “ Special School House Tax, “ | 4 25 75 |
| “ “ “ “ | 5 1,071 18 |
| “ “ “ “ | 9 & 10, 16 49 |

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| By amount of Savings Bank Tax, | 1,641 95 |
| " Railroad Tax, | 245 58 |
| " Literary Fund, | 159 30 |
| " Insurance Tax, | 9 37 |
| Received of Belknap County for paupers, | 177 47 |
| " For rent of Town Hall above expense of wood, lights, care of Hall &c., | 26 50 |
| " By renewal of Vittum note, | 250 00 |
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| | \$23,944 36 |
| Received on notes, cash and renewal, — | \$22,445 51 |

The Town of Meredith, Dr.

To notes and interest paid by cash and renewal, \$22,948 31

To paid the several School Districts.

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| George W. Wiggin, District No. 2, | \$114 67 |
| J. R. Mead, " " 3, | 134 20 |
| O. N. Roberts, " " 4, | 189 18 |
| S. W. Rollins, " " 5, | 677 46 |
| E. F. Wiggin, " " 6, | 120 75 |
| B. S. Tuttle, " " 7, | 65 00 |
| E. L. Smith, " " 8, | 150 78 |
| W. H. Cate, " " 9 & 10, | 152 74 |
| A. Dolloff, " " 11, | 62 12 |
| M. S. Swain, " " 12, | 111 64 |
| H. S. Swain, " " 13, | 55 98 |
| J. Perkins for 1874, 1875 & 1876, 14, | 69 53 |
| L. A. Colby, " " 15, | 51 21 |
| R. Clark, " " 16, | 40 57 |
| L. K. Dockham, " " 17, | 48 27 |
| J. B. Huse, union with Sanbornton, 20, | 4 05 |
| G. W. Curry, " Centre Harbor, 5, | 11 28 |
| H. R. Gould for L. W. & C. W. Cram, | 7 59 |
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| | \$2,067 02 |

Paid for Repairs of Highways and Bridges.

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| Morrill S. Swain, for building new road around Stanton Hill, | \$255 00 |
| J. L. Perley, award for land for new road, | 175 00 |
| J. F. Perkins, " " " " | 175 00 |
| Alanson Dolloff, plank and stringers, | 3 74 |
| Joseph Ela, sand and gravel four years, to 1877, | 15 00 |
| C. Elwin Swain, repairs and plank, | 58 22 |
| Philip McCrillis, services as surveyor in Cass Hill District, | 31 00 |
| Russell S. Doe, repairs, District No. 14, | 4 45 |
| William Brown, damage to plow, lumber and cutting bushes, | 7 80 |
| John Richardson, repairs, | 56 70 |
| Morrill S. Swain, 214 ft. plank, | 3 80 |
| E. W. Prescott, iron work and grate, | 8 53 |
| Orrin F. Swain, cutting bushes, | 10 10 |
| John Dearborn, 140 ft. plank and use of water trough, | 5 10 |
| L. D. Dolloff, repairs, | 22 45 |
| Charles E. Pierce, labor and material for repairs of road and railing bridge, | 33 94 |
| Nathan B. Wadleigh, plank and timber, | 39 03 |
| Geo. H. Clark, plank, | 25 17 |
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| | \$930 03 |

Paid for Pauper Roads.

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| John Webster, repairs and breaking in 1875, | \$14 66 |
| Luther K. Dockham, repairs of Hermit road, | 33 00 |
| James C. Wadleigh, repairs and plank, Turnpike road, | 48 12 |
| James C. Wadleigh, breaking Turnpike road, winter of 1875-6, | 33 20 |
| Luther K. Dockham, breaking Hermit road, winter '75-6, | 16 20 |
| Isaac Webster, repairs of pauper road, | 29 87 |

Noah L. Sinclair, breaking pauper road, winter of 1875-6, 8 30

\$183 35

Breaking Roads in the Winter of 1875-6.

| | | |
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| John Neally, | District No. 15, | \$6 50 |
| Geo. W. Curry, and repairing, | " 8, | 13 56 |
| Philip McCrillis, | " 3, | 35 10 |
| Warren K. Kimball, | " 27, | 6 30 |
| James M. Robinson, | " 18, | 14 99 |
| John Richardson, and repairing, | " 17, | 34 80 |
| Stephen D. Thurston, | " 28, | 5 44 |
| Thomas Leavitt, | " 28, | 2 73 |
| David Bickford, Cass Hill, | " 2, | 2 00 |
| Hosea S. Swain, | " 26, | 15 32 |
| Rufus Clark, | " 32, | 8 59 |
| Ezra R. Chase, | " 20, | 8 85 |
| John C. Thompson, and repairs, | " 35, | 25 98 |
| Thomas J. Kimball, | " 25, | 8 02 |
| Wm. S. Smith, | " 34, | 8 50 |
| Isaiah Swain, | " 37, | 29 98 |
| John Webster, | " 24, | 13 39 |
| Alanson Dolloff, | " 21, | 32 85 |
| Warren B. Leavitt, | " 23, | 7 30 |
| B. C. Batchelder, | " 31, | 6 15 |
| Daniel R. Caverly, | " 36, | 11 69 |
| John S. Dolloff, and repairs, | " 22, | 19 28 |
| David Brown, | " 33, | 13 06 |
| Wm. H. Brown, | " 6, | 7 12 |
| C. Wayland Cram, cutting out drifts and damage for crossing land, Cass Hill, | | 35 00 |
| David Corliss, | District No. 12, | 13 29 |
| Charles P. Wiggin, in 1874-5, | " 10, | 4 00 |

\$389 79

Paid Pauper Bills.

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| Edwin Cox, aid to James S. Boynton, and car fare, | \$1 00 |
| Geo. Sanborn, medical aid to N. Sayward, | 8 00 |
| J. W. Lang, Jr., supplies for “ | 3 81 |
| P. D. Blaisdell & Co., supplies, “ | 6 60 |
| Moses P. Moulton, support of N. Sayward, from Jan. 29, 1876, to Feb. 23, 1877, | 188 00 |
| Thomas L. Smith, aid in the care and support of N. Sayward, | 25 00 |
| Geo. Sanborn, medical aid to transient person, | 4 00 |
| “ “ Wm. Blake's family, | 1 50 |
| Haven Palmer, medical aid to Winborn Bryant, | 11 25 |
| John Smith, Jr., supplies for “ | 12 75 |
| Haven Palmer, medical aid to Frank P. Cox, 2d, | 20 00 |
| P. D. Blaisdell & Co., supplies for “ | 97 32 |
| Maltheno Clark, house rent for “ | 11 50 |
| Stephen B. Meloon, support of Hiram Thompson, one year, to March 1, 1877, | 104 00 |
| Chas. S. Wiggin, house rent for Geo. S. Batchelder, | 33 00 |
| P. D. Blaisdell & Co., supplies for James Niles, | 19 91 |
| J. H. Knowles & Co., supplies for William Kelley, | 10 00 |
| Geo. M. Burleigh, aid to transient persons, | 18 00 |
| State Reform School, for board of Wm. N. Swain, | 36 00 |
| Belknap County, support of Francis Lyford, one year, to March 1, 1877, | 100 00 |
| Belknap County, for care and support, and extra expense of Mrs. D. N. Wiggin, 14 weeks, | 50 00 |
| Edna M. Harris, services as nurse, for J. S. Wescott's family, | 12 00 |
| Edward J. Harris, aid in labor, Wescott family, | 4 75 |
| Benj. Roberts, aid and labor | 21 44 |
| J. J. Burley, supplies for | 44 68 |
| A. W. Abbott, medical aid to | 15 75 |
| Lois Stanton, services as nurse, for Rebecca Hall, | 14 00 |
| Lane Plummer, supplies for “ | 2 00 |
| Nathan Boynton, aid to transient person, | 75 |
| Lucius Kelly, “ “ | 75 |

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| C. W. Neal, aid to transient person, | 65 |
| Haven Palmer, medical aid, to D. D. Webster family, | 7 25 |
| “ “ “ transient person, | 75 |
| Horace Sceggell, aid to Mrs. Stewart, transient, | 10 00 |
| W. E. S. Foss, medicine for Winborn Bryant, | 2 60 |
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| | \$899 01 |

Paid General Expenses.

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| P. D. Blaisdell & Co., for stationery, | \$0 45 |
| J. W. Lang, Jr., lamp for town office, | 1 50 |
| A. M. Prescott & D. F. Bean, services as policeman, | 31 00 |
| Geo. Sanborn, registration of births and deaths, | 6 50 |
| John S. Dolloff, in full, for collecting list of 1875, | 72 65 |
| B. B. Rollins, in part, “ “ 1876, | 70 00 |
| “ for tax bills of 1875-6. | 3 80 |
| Edwin Cox, in full, collecting balance of tax list of 1873, \$18.27, and Centre Harbor tax of 1874, \$6.79, | 25 06 |
| Edwin Cox, for express, | 1 00 |
| Ebenezer Stevens, B. F. Wiggin & J. S. Sanborn, services as committee of examination of old town house, | 15 00 |
| Geo. H. Clark and others, building committee for new town house, | 2,500 00 |
| Geo. H. Clark for stoves, lamps and settees, for town hall, | 300 00 |
| Geo. H. Clark and others, building committee, for extra labor and expense on new town house, | 370 31 |
| Geo. H. Clark and others, building committee for services, | 57 00 |
| Wamesit Engine Co., by vote of town, | 225 00 |
| “ “ “ required by law, | 165 00 |
| J. S. Neal, services as Auditor, | 2 00 |

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| J. S. Howe, for use of team, | 2 00 |
| W. E. S. Foss, for stationery, | 2 20 |
| Nathan Boynton, one cord of wood for town house, | 4 00 |
| Daniel B. Colby, damage on highway, | 14 00 |
| Alvin Peavy, damage to carriage on highway in 1875, | 5 00 |
| D. F. Bean, for wood, and services in moving, | 2 52 |
| B. W. Sanborn & Co., for blank books, | 10 70 |
| C. E. Pierce, damage to sleigh, | 15 00 |
| Geo. A. Hatch, searching records and certificate, | 50 |
| T. S. Moses, stoves, funnel and zinc, for town house, | 14 99 |
| Geo. H. Clark, two cupboards and two wood boxes, for town house, | 27 00 |
| Wm. Kelley, care of town house, March 14, 1876, | 1 50 |
| Wilbur J. Collins, table for selectmen's room, | 8 00 |
| C. S. Wiggin, use of hall, for town meeting, | 2 50 |
| J. H. Prescott, rent of room, for Selectmen, | 9 00 |
| J. S. Neal, board of Selectmen, to March 1, 1877, | 41 08 |
| James B. Hines, damage to sheep and lamb by dogs, | 10 00 |
| B. F. Wiggin, " " | 6 00 |
| E. L. Smith, damage to two sheep and lamb by dogs, | 10 00 |
| Wm. D. Boynton, loss of eight sheep, " | 33 00 |
| C. S. Prescott, damage and loss to seven sheep, " | 21 00 |
| Alvin S. Moulton, loss of cosset sheep, " | 6 00 |
| Charles Wadleigh, loss of one sheep, " | 6 00 |
| Simeon D. Pease, loss of four sheep and damage, " | 15 00 |
| Geo. H. Clark and others, committee, for taking down town house, | 120 00 |
| S. W. Rollins, services and expense in case of Meredith vs. Smith & True, | 103 10 |
| S. W. Rollins, services as Auditor, March, 1876, | 2 00 |
| Daniel Barnard, services, expenses and term fees in case, Meredith vs. Smith & True, | 100 50 |
| Daniel Barnard, opinion in substitute case, | 10 00 |
| Geo. G. Hoyt, Inves. Com. expense and witness fees, | 25 42 |
| David Corliss, witness fee, | 2 02 |
| J. W. Lang, extra expense as Treasurer, | 4 50 |
| J. S. Neal, for insurance of town house, | 85 00 |

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| T. S. Moses, services as Selectman, in road case, | 2 00 |
| Geo. F. Sanborn, printing town reports, | 48 00 |
| J. W. Lang, services as Treasurer, | 50 00 |
| G. I. Bard, services as School Committee, | 75 00 |
| E. Bickford, services as Town Clerk, | 45 00 |
| H. S. Swain, services and incidental expense as Selectman to March 1, 1877, | 156 00 |
| C. W. Neal, do., | 119 50 |
| A. E. Leavitt, do., | 105 50 |
| Paid the State Tax, | 1,560 00 |
| “ County Tax, | 2,249 81 |
| Edwin Cox, abatements town tax, list of 1873, | 54 18 |
| “ “ “ 1874, | 174 70 |
| Edwin Cox, abatements school house tax, District No. 4, 1874, | 8 46 |
| John S. Dolloff, abatements town tax list, 1874, | 20 65 |
| John S. Dolloff, abatements on town tax list including errors and allowances for use of money, 1875. | 176 21 |
| John S. Dolloff, highway receipts allowed non- residents, 1875, | 8 78 |
| John S. Dolloff, highway receipts allowed non- residents, 1876, | 31 69 |
| B. B. Rollins, abatements, town tax list, 1875, | 58 98 |
| “ “ error of 1875, | 10 00 |
| “ “ town tax list, 1876, | 30 28 |
| “ “ School house tax list, Dist. No. 5, 1875, | 49 |
| “ “ School house tax list, Dist. No. 5, 1876, | 7 35 |
| “ “ School house tax list, Dist. No. 4, 1876, | 6 54 |
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| | \$9,564 92 |

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Paid School House Taxes.

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| District No. 9 & 10, balance in full for 1875, | \$8 56 |
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| District No. 9 & 10, in full for 1876, | 16 49 |
| “ “ 4, balance in part for 1875, | 32 98 |
| “ “ 4, in part for 1876, | 461 31 |
| “ “ 5, balance in full for 1875, | 26 89 |
| “ “ 5, in part for 1876, | 1,036 00 |
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| | \$1,582 23 |

Recapitulation.

By whole amount of receipts, \$46,389 87

To whole amount of Expenditures, as follows:

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| Paid notes and interest, | \$22,948 31 |
| “ the several school districts, | 2,067 02 |
| “ for roads and bridges, | 930 03 |
| “ for pauper roads, | 183 35 |
| “ breaking roads, | 389 79 |
| “ pauper bills, | 899 01 |
| “ general expenses, | 9,564 92 |
| “ school house taxes, | 1,582 23 |
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| | \$38,564 66 |

Leaving a balance of \$7,825 21

Which is accounted for, as follows :

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| Due on A. A. Kidder's list of 1867, | \$20 97 |
| “ “ “ 1868, | 100 95 |
| “ E. Cox's “ 1873, | 233 30 |
| “ “ “ 1874, | 775 24 |
| “ J. S. Dolloff's “ 1875, | 17 84 |
| “ “ “ 1876, | 932 11 |
| “ B. B. Rollins' “ 1875, | 49 36 |
| “ “ “ 1876, | 1,492 36 |
| “ “ “ Centre Harbor tax, 1876, | 62 48 |
| “ Edwin Cox's School house tax list, Dist. | |
| No. 4, 1874, | 57 69 |

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| " | B. B. Rollins' School house tax list, Dist. | |
| | No. 4, 1875, | 19 10 |
| " | " School house tax list, Dist. | |
| | No. 4, 1876, | 85 35 |
| " | " School house tax list, Dist. | |
| | No. 5, 1876, | 27 83 |
| " | Notes, besides the interest, | 735 00 |
| " | Cash in Treasury, | 3,215 63 |
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| | | \$7,825 21 |

March 5, 1877. Having examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, we find them correctly cast and well vouched.

J. S. NEAL, {
J. M. BEEDE, { *Auditors.*

Respectfully submitted,

HOSEA S. SWAIN, }
CHARLES W. NEAL, } *Selectmen.*
ARTHUR E. LEAVITT, }

Rent and Expenses of Town Hall.

Josiah T. Sturtevant, agent, in charge of Town Hall, reports as follows:

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| Rent of Hall, 14 nights, at \$4 00, | \$56 00 |
| " " 5 " 2 00, | 10 00 |
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| Total to March 1, | \$66 00 |

Expenses.

Total amount of expenses for the nineteen nights of wood, and fitting, kerosene oil and care of Hall (at \$1 00 per night) and including paint and varnish and graining wood boxes, \$39 50

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| Balance paid over to selectmen, | \$26 50 |
| Deducting from said expenses the cost of paint, varnish and graining, and wood and oil on hand, leaves an average expense of Hall, thus far, per night, of | 1 86 |



Statement of the Financial Condition of the Town of Meredith.

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| Total amount of outstanding notes and interest reported by the treasurer, March 1, 1876. | \$28,724 16 |
| The same reported by the treasurer, March 1, 1877, | \$30,915 95 |
| Increase for the year past, | 2,191 79 |
| Which is accounted for by the extra expense of building the town house, and one thousand dollars less raised to pay debts of town. | |



The Available Assets of the Town are estimated as follows:—

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| Amount due on Collectors' books, not including estimated abatements, | \$3,237 84 |
| Due on notes with the interest, | 762 69 |
| Balance due from Centre Harbor, | 733 85 |
| Cash in Treasury, | 3,215 63 |
| Total assets, | \$7,950 01 |
| Total amount of indebtedness, not including a few outstanding bills, | \$30,915 95 |
| Total amount of available assets, | 7,950 01 |
| Debt, less the assets, | \$22,965 94 |

Respectfully submitted,

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| HOSEA S. SWAIN, CHARLES W. NEAL, ARTHUR E. LEAVITT, | } | <i>Selectmen.</i> |
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Treasurer's Report.

J. W. Lang, Treasurer, in account with the Town of
Meredith, 1877.

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| By Cash in the treasury, March 1, 1876, | \$1,931 67 |
| “ On note and renewal, | 22,445 54 |
| “ From County, | 177 32 |
| “ From the State Insurance tax, | 9 37 |
| “ “ “ Railroad tax, | 245 58 |
| “ “ “ Literary fund, | 159 30 |
| “ “ “ Savings Bank tax, | 1,641 95 |
| “ Returned by H. S. Swain, | 175 00 |
| “ From Edwin Cox, | 991 01 |
| “ “ J. S. Dolloff, | 3,886 68 |
| “ “ B. B. Rollins, | 8,994 71 |
| “ “ J. T. Sturtevant for rent of Hall, | 26 50 |
| “ “ Error in County charge, | 15 |
| “ Returned by Geo. Sanborn, error, | 4 00 |
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| | \$39,788 79 |

Which is disposed of, as follows :

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| Cash paid and renewal of notes, | \$22,948 31 |
| “ State tax, | 1,560 00 |
| “ County tax, | 2,249 81 |
| “ Orders from Selectmen, | 9,815 05 |
| “ In treasury, carried to new account, | 3,215 62 |
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| | \$39,788 79 |

March 1, 1877. Outstanding notes to this date amount to \$30,915.95 ; which is bearing interest at five per cent.

J. W. LANG, *Treasurer*.

SCHOOL REPORT.

TOWNSMEN :

I submit the following report upon your schools.

Owing to Mr. S. F. Wadleigh's declining, I have had to serve alone ; it has been pleasant to me to get acquainted with new Schools, but I can see the advantage of the acquaintance one gets with a school by visits year after year.

I have been encouraged by the authorities to ask more than seventy-five dollars, but ministers and church members must be careful to give full measure and ask a moderate price !

I think, too, it is part of my duty in these days to set an example of following the necessary business policy of the day in the reduction of wages.

You are aware the question is up of having the office of Prudential Committees transferred to our central committee ; partly it might work well : in some instances the past year the school has been injured by small squabbles over office in the district.

Such districts would do well to refer the choice of their teacher to the Superintending Board ; the teacher ought to be everybody's teacher in the above district.

I have had some painful discipline to do, growing out of this evil. I have done my duty according to the best of my judgment ; my policy is to stand by a teacher unless I see he

or she is utterly unfit; even an inferior teacher, with harmony in the district, is better than a smash up; but it is a pity some of the best teaching in town should receive any check from internal divisions in the district.

When I broke down a guide-board in No. 13, by hitching to it, I thought I would suggest to the districts to have a hitch-post or better still, a shed which a man can hitch under!

I have aimed to develop a taste for literature, by asking the scholars to write off and send to me some selection from the best authors. I append the names of those who have:

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| Fannie P. Kelley, | Abbie Chase, | Lewis L. Eaton, |
| Emma J. Eaton, | Edith L. Swain, | G. R. Swain, |
| Frank P. Marston, | Leavitt A. Dolloff, | Ella L. Barren, |
| Daniel S. Chase, | Edward Kimball. | |

Parents should encourage this in the children.

I again urge Committees to send their teachers to the Superintendent at least two weeks before school begins; it will secure districts from injustice in some cases. Too much money is wasted upon incompetent teachers. Almost all teachers the year past have been conscientious and painstaking, but sometimes persons are not at all qualified naturally for the position; the best teachers have ardent, sympathetic, strong, communicative natures, combined with a prompt executive ability. Many candidates are not to blame for not having such natures but they do not succeed largely without them.

If I had my way I would, in the main, select eight or ten of my best teachers and have them teach all the schools, going from one district to another; but new material must be worked in from time to time.

If Committees want to know who make failures and who succeed, and think they can find out by consulting my report, they will be mistaken; my own failures are not put in print, nor the Selectmen's nor the Town Clerk's, and I do not intend to hold unsuccessful teachers up to public gaze. When I can praise heartily I may do it, but I will give, in private, my judgment about anybody.

As some of our scholars may become accountants I have timed the various schools in exercises in the fundamental rules, greeting the best results in No. 3.

I have encouraged map-drawing and some new and good work has been done.

By the help of the new readers I have been able to secure a marked improvement in reading—many schools have had excellent drill in elocution.

We need new Grammars, Swinton's in my judgment, new Geographies certainly, and some other changes.

There is a decided lack of attendance on examinations by parents in the districts. Nos. 5 and 8 turn out altogether the best; the rest do almost nothing. Mothers ought to bring their knitting and fathers leave their work to look in often on the school.

I have urged on the schools the hanging up of pictures on the walls, adorning with leaves and evergreens in their season,—and not simply for examination either—and the growing of flowers in pots in the windows; all these things educate. I am pleased with the progress in this line.

BY DISTRICTS.

Nos. 1 and 2, under Miss Ellie M. Bedee; No. 3, Hannah B. Smith; No. 5, Kate S. Smith and Emma W. Cox; No. 6, Emma J. Stevens; No. 8, Hattie J. Hoyt, have all enjoyed the services of the same teachers as last year and the very best services too.

From No. 4 I have no report as yet.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Miss Mary F. Tuttle sustained the same good report as before in this district.

B. R. Dearborn taught in the winter; a new teacher to this town and district, but one whom we shall be glad to retain.

DISTRICT NO. 9 AND 10.

From No. 9 and 10 I have no full report; school still in progress, under Emma J. Stevens; the district will do well to keep her if they can.

Summer Term. Lizzie J. Hill; the term was far advanced before I saw it, not being commissioned to this part of the town till late. The school showed well.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Emma Thompson; earnest teacher and scholars. I was particularly pleased to see the use of the dictionary, and the care for the good grammar in the ordinary conversation of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Summer. Martha F. Emmons. I did not see this school at the close, owing to the abrupt ending on account of death in the teacher's family. Miss E. carries the good wishes of all into her new relations.

Winter. Helen A. V. Robinson. On account of severe weather and unfavorable traveling, I could not see this school at the close. From what I saw at the opening I perceived no occasion for the partial opposition Miss R. experienced.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Mrs. C. J. Swain. This school had a delightfully home-like look, and the instruction and all the results were such as to justify the district in continuing the school under the existing management.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

Ella Thompson. Small but good school. A review of a

reading lesson developed a good drill in the sense of the lesson ; an important item.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

Addie M. Brown. This school grew in my estimation ; the examination at the close showed conscientious, hard work done.

DISTRICT NO. 17.

Josie A. Robinson. A new teacher with a little school, but the school made up in enterprise what it lacked in numbers. I seldom see a *heartier* little school, and the instruction was animated and honest.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

No. 5 requires a special report. The upper department has been under the care of T. D. Foss, who also continues in charge of the High School. The Winter examination was such as called forth warm commendation from those present.

The whole history of this department, during these years back, warrants me in saying that we must have the High school but we must have the help of our towns-folk around about.

I urge upon the people of the region a hearty co-operation with the district in sustaining it and keeping it up to its maximum of attendance and interest.

G. I. BARD, Superintendent.

